

THE NATIONAL LESBIAN AND GAY HEALTH ASSOCIATION INVITES YOU TO PRESENT AT:

19th

NATIONAL
LESBIAN
& GAY
HEALTH
CONFERENCE

— and —

15th

NATIONAL
AIDS/HIV
FORUM

JULY 26-30, 1997

RADISSON HOTEL ATLANTA*
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

*Change of previously-announced location

PROPOSAL DEADLINE: DECEMBER 15, 1996

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- Transgender Health
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We will also be looking for:

- Proposals presenting cutting-edge medical and behavioral scientific research;

List Continued

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NLGHA '97 Conference • P. O. Box 33022 • Washington, DC 20033**

Content Descriptors: Please mark all descriptors that apply to the proposed presentation/session:

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|--|---------------------------------------|---|
| ☐ Lesbian Health | ☐ AIDS/HIV | ☐ Education and Prevention |
| ☐ Gay Men's Health | ☐ Cancer | ☐ Diagnosis and Treatment |
| ☐ Bisexual Health | ☐ Chronic Disease | ☐ Research |
| ☐ Transgender Health | ☐ Sexual Function | ☐ Subspecialty Care |
| ☐ Mental Health | ☐ Depression | ☐ Outreach |
| ☐ Substance Abuse | ☐ Homophobia | ☐ Wellness and Health Maintenance |
| ☐ Violence | ☐ STDs | ☐ Holistic Care |
| ☐ Nutrition | ☐ Racism | ☐ Alternative Medicine |
| ☐ Parenting | ☐ Sexism | ☐ Spiritual Care/Heal the Healer |
| ☐ Youth | ☐ Ageism | ☐ Clinical Skills Building |
| ☐ Aging/Elders | ☐ Classism | ☐ Organizational Administration |
| ☐ Grief and Mourning | ☐ Ableism | ☐ and Development |
| ☐ Homelessness | ☐ Health Advocacy | |
| ☐ Other: _____ | | |

Level

- ☐ (101) General: *No prior experience/expertise needed*
- ☐ (201) Intermediate: *Some experience/expertise helpful*
- ☐ (301) Advanced: *Scientific or technical expertise, professional credentials and/or substantial experience needed*
- ☐ Yes, I would be interested in preparing documentation of my session for inclusion in a written compilation of Conference Proceedings for the 1997 Conference.

Part 3

TO SUBMIT A PROPOSAL

Please send TWO COPIES of each of the following:

- ☐ Completed Proposal Form (with contact and demographic information on all presenters attached)
- ☐ 150-200 Word Abstract
- ☐ 25-50 Word Description of presentation for the program book
- ☐ Presentation Outline
- ☐ List of Presentation Objectives
- ☐ Resume/Curriculum Vitae/Personal Statement that describes expertise/experience in topic

INCOMPLETE PROPOSALS WILL BE RETURNED. Please be sure to include TWO COPIES of all documents. Proposals must be postmarked by December 15, 1996.

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By my signature below, I verify that all the information included in this proposal is accurate; I agree to notify NLGHA by March 1, 1997 of any changes to the information submitted in this proposal.

Signature _____ Date: _____

Name (Please print): _____

Thank you for your interest. We look forward to seeing you in Atlanta.

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- Group proposals, particularly those that reflect diverse representation by gender, age, race and socioeconomic status in content and/or composition of presenters;

- Proposals that highlight model healthcare programs and technical assistance projects regarding delivery of primary care, prevention, volunteer programs and community outreach;

- Proposals specifically designed for an advanced audience, for those who are repeat attendees and have been working in the area of Lesbian and Gay Health for more than 5 years;

- Proposals that include, or deal specifically with either young Lesbians and Gays, and/or older Lesbians and Gays; and

- Proposals that involve the Lesbian and Gay Health community in Atlanta, GA.

The Importance of Diversity

ALL are encouraged to submit proposals...including People of Color, Lesbians, Gay Men, Bisexual Women and Men, Transgendered People...young, old, and middle- aged...clinicians, physicians, psychologists, psychiatrists, physician assistants, substance abuse counselors, nurses, mental health professionals, health educators, youth counselors, prevention specialists, anti-violence workers, outreach and social workers, consultants, researchers, academics, public policy advocates, community health activists, volunteers, administrators, county and city health workers, and health care consumers.

Those who have not presented at this conference before are especially encouraged to submit proposals.

Conference Format

NLGHA will choose topics and presenters for panel discussions, workshops, symposia, institutes, half and full day sessions from the pool of responses to this Call for Presentations. We invite you to submit a proposal and indicate on the attached form the format in which your topic would be most effectively communicated.

Selection Criteria

The criteria for reviewing proposals will include:

- I. Timeliness/Relevance of Topic
- II. Depth/Level of Content
- III. Qualifications of Presenter
- IV. Originality of Approach
- V. Presentation of Submission
- VI. Methodological Rigor (of research proposals)

Presentations on specific populations are encouraged; however, presenters are asked to be as precise as possible in describing topic and audience so as not to misrepresent the breadth of the presentation. When appropriate, proposals should clearly demonstrate inclusivity of gender, age, race, socioeconomic status, and sexual orientation. To facilitate these goals, Presenters may be asked if they are willing to participate on panels.

Review of Proposals

Proposals will be either peer reviewed, or evaluated by the Conference Program Committee, whichever is more appropriate.

All submissions will receive a written response on or before February 15, 1997.

Presenter Responsibilities

Confirmation In an effort to eliminate program cancellations and no-shows, all presenters whose proposals are selected will be required to confirm in writing their intent to present at the conference by March 15, 1997. In addition, presenters must also register for the Conference with payment by March 15, 1997. Cancellations must be made in writing. Presenters who cancel after March 15, 1997 must notify NLGHA immediately and are encouraged to find a confirmed replacement speaker by April 15, 1997. Presenters who cancel after April 15, 1997, or who do not show up for their scheduled session, will not be invited to present at the following year's conference.

Regarding Use or Representation of Commercial Products

By themselves or in conjunction with others, presentations must give a balanced view of the therapeutic options. When discussing unlabeled or investigational uses of a commercial product, these uses must be identified as unlabeled. Use of generic names of products contributes to impartiality and is recommended. If trade names are used, those of several companies should be mentioned. Presenters must disclose the existence of any significant bias, including financial interest or any other relationship the presenter has with the manufacturer and/or provider of commercial products and/or services mentioned in an educational presentation.

Presentation Materials/Conference Proceedings In addition, presenters are encouraged to supply supporting documentation for attendees, for example, in the form of handouts, bibliographies, copies of papers, etc. Presenters are also invited to submit abstracts, outlines, narratives, or papers for inclusion in a publication of the 1997 Conference Proceedings.

Conference Registration As in previous years, presenters will be required to register for the Conference and will be entitled to a discount of the registration fees (\$200 prior to 3/15/97 and \$225 from 3/16/97 through 6/30/97—up to a \$75 discount from the full registration fee of \$275.) Acceptance and confirmation of a presentation does not constitute conference registration. Presenters will need to complete a conference registration form (see back cover). Information on scholarships will be included in the registration program. Presenters who do not register with payment or have not received a waiver of registration fees through scholarship will not be allowed to present.

Continuing Medical Education After the proposals are accepted and the program is structured, NLGHA will apply for continuing education credit approval for various health professions including physicians, physician assistants, certified addiction counselors, registered nurses, licensed clinical social workers, and certified health education specialists.

NLGHA CALL FOR PRESENTATIONS PROPOSAL FORM

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If there will be more than one presenter, copy Part I of this form and complete all contact and demographic information for EACH presenter. Designate a primary contact person for the proposal by marking appropriate answer below. Only the primary contact person will receive confirmation from NLGHA and it will be the primary contact person's responsibility to contact any co-presenters.

Part I

Name: _____

Primary Contact? Yes _____ No _____ If "Yes" Indicate Number of Co-Presenters: _____

Position/Title: _____

Work/Affiliation: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Country: _____

Telephone: (_____) _____ Fax Number: (_____) _____

Gender: ☐ M ☐ F

Race/Ethnicity: ☐ White ☐ African-American ☐ Hispanic/Latino(a) ☐ Asian/Pacific Islander
☐ Native American ☐ Multiracial ☐ Other, please specify _____

Part II

Title of Presentation: _____

Please indicate preferences for presentation options:

TIME SPAN: ☐ 1-1/2 hours ☐ half-day ☐ full-day

STYLE:

☐ **Didactic** Speaker(s) "present(s)" material to audience; minimal interaction, perhaps in the form of Q & A.

☐ **Interactive** Some material presented, group discussion about topic, cross conversation between presenters and attendees and among attendees encouraged.

☐ **Experiential** Audience is substantively engaged throughout, some participation is anticipated/expected.

☐ **Working Meeting** Attendees are expected to fully participate in discussion, working groups, and possibly the creation of a written product, or the planning of a specific activity.

FORMAT: ☐ Present Alone ☐ Present with others ☐ Either

AUDIO/VISUAL REQUESTS/REQUIREMENTS: (Must be submitted by March 15, 1997 — **Late requests will not be honored**)

☐ Flip Chart ☐ VCR and monitor ☐ Slide projector/screen ☐ Overhead projector/screen

☐ Other* _____

* Other Audio/Visual requests are subject to availability and presenters may be required to pay for rental of special equipment, such as computer modems and high resolution overhead projectors.

SPECIAL POPULATIONS DISCUSSED/ADDRESSED:

☐ Lesbians	☐ Gay Men	☐ Bisexual	☐ Transgender	☐ Heterosexual/ Straight Allies
☐ African American	☐ Asian American/ Pacific Islander	☐ Latino/a	☐ Native American	
☐ Youth	☐ Elder	☐ HIV-	☐ HIV+	
☐ Urban	☐ Suburban	☐ Rural	☐ Other, please specify _____	

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Exhibiting and Advertising Information

The 19th Annual Conference will feature an enhanced Exhibit Hall and Program Book. You should exhibit and advertise at the 1997 Conference in Atlanta if you represent a corporation with products and a marketing interest in this professional health care audience — national organization — community-based organization — small business — federal or state agency — people with AIDS organization — religious organization

To receive more detailed information on advertising and exhibiting, please complete the form below or fax the Conference office at 202-234-1467.

Earlybird Registration and Mailing List

If you are interested in attending the Conference and registering now or would like to be added to the Registration Program mailing list, please complete the form below. **There will be only one mailing of Conference Registration materials in early '97. To register early or to be added to our mailing lists and to insure that you receive further information, mail or fax the form below to NLGHA '97, P.O. Box 33022, Washington, D.C. or fax: 202-234-1467.**

NOTE: There is a special reduced fee for non-presenters who register by December 31, 1996, and for presenters who register by March 15, 1997.

Yes!

I am interested in the 19th National Lesbian & Gay Health Conference and 15th National AIDS/HIV Forum:

- ☐ YES, I want to take advantage of early registration discounts by registering NOW.
☐ Please add my name to your mailing list for '97 Conference Registration material
☐ Please send me more information on:

____ Exhibiting & Advertising ____ Sponsorships ____ Membership

(Please print clearly)

Name (to appear on badge): _____

Title: _____

Organization/Affiliation: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Daytime Telephone: (____) _____ Fax: (____) _____

You may include my name on a list of participants to be distributed to Conference attendees: ☐ Yes ☐ No

To charge registration:

VISA/Mastercard #: _____ Exp. Date: _____

Signature: _____

Please make checks or money orders payable to "NLGHA 1997 Conference" and send to:



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REGISTRATION FEES:

\$200 by Dec. 31, '96

\$225 by Feb. 28, '97

\$250 by May 31, '97

\$275 by June 30, '97

\$300 on-site

NOTE: All earlybird registrants will receive additional hotel, transportation, registration and program information as soon as it is finalized.